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MRS. E. T. J. (VIOLA) BIRNER, elected president of the Guild at convention on September 29, 1951.

Recalled to memory in the twentieth annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild, which now is history, were the events in the organization and establishment of a program of service that led to the Guild of today. Recognition was given to the bright courage and vision of the small group of women responsible for that program.

In a season especially dedicated to the giving of thanks to an Almighty God for His beneficence, it is only right to express our gratitude for His blessings upon the achievements of the Guild in the past and to pray for His continued presence and guidance for the future.

The Administrative Committee is grateful for the privilege of serving the Guild and its members. They ask, with confidence that their request will be granted, that the Guild members continue wholeheartedly in the work so nobly begun for the welfare of our Valparaiso University.

-VIOLA BIRNER

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OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD
SEPTEMBER 29, 1951

The twentieth annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild was opened with a devotional service in the university auditorium on Saturday, September 29, 1951, at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. M. Alfred Bichsel accompanied the singing of the hymn, "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower." He then directed the Chapel Choir in the singing of a beautiful choral.

Dr. Walter E. Bauer, Dean of the Faculty, based his address on Isaiah 58, stressing the eleventh verse, "And the Lord shall guide thee continually."

Dr. Bauer stated that under God the Guild has become recognized as one of the most effective organizations within the Lutheran Church, and that with God's help the Guild, during the twenty years of its existence, has overcome every obstacle.

The 58th Chapter of Isaiah, continued Dr. Bauer, points out true and false religion. God had rejected the fastings and outward forms of Israel's religion because it represented a

mechanical piety. It was an ineffective, dead religion.

True religion is a matter of sincerity and expresses itself in the love of God and service to our fellowmen. The Guild's program has manifested a love of God and service to fellowmen. God has showered blessings beyond all expectation. If there is a true basis for the work of the Guild in the future, then God's continued guidance in the years that lie ahead is assured.

Following the devotional service our president, Mrs. Walter A. Hansen, graciously welcomed all members and guests to the twentieth anniversary convention. Mrs. Carl Krekeler, president of the Valparaiso Chapter, extended cordial greetings and good wishes for a pleasant stay.

Since the 1950 Convention minutes had been published in the December issue of the Guild Bulletin, there was no objection to dispensing with the reading of the minutes. A report of the Executive Board meeting held September



MRS. E. T. J. BIRNER of Mattoon, Illinois, elected president of the Guild on September 29, 1951, and President O. P. Kretzmann.

28, 1951, in Recital Hall was read by the secretary.

Mrs. Hansen announced the following appointments:

Resolutions Committee: Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht, Chairman; Mrs. Dean Arnold, Mrs. C. L. St. Clair.

Convention Reporter: Mrs. Paul L. Prinz.

The following committees served during the past year:

Activities: Mrs. Albert C. Moeller, Chairman; Mrs. Roy Peck, Mrs. G. O. Johnson.

Revisions: Mrs. A. O. Kampe, Chairman; Mrs. Louise Heinecke, Mrs. W. W. Walker.

Nominations: Mrs. Roy C. Frank, Chairman; Mrs. F. J. Schumm, Mrs. M. F. Borgelt, Mrs. W. Feuerpheil, Mrs. Wm. Fenske.

Parliamentarian: Mrs. W. N. Hoppe.

Historian: Miss Louise Nicolay.

Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, first vice-president, took the chair while the president made her annual report.

Mrs. Hansen stated that in this Convention the Valparaiso University Guild is observing the twentieth anniversary of its founding.

Some may have wondered how, when, and by whom the initial steps that led to the organization of a National Women's Auxiliary for Valparaiso University were taken.

Mrs. Hansen then read the special letter of invitation sent out twenty years ago by six foresighted Lutheran women.

Mrs. Hansen stated that two of the signers of this letter were present and would be presented at the Anniversary Banquet.

The President also paid tribute to the Rev. Theodore Andres and the Rev. Karl Henrichs for their invaluable assistance during the first years of organization and development.

Mrs. Hansen announced that Miss Louise Nicolay had written a comprehensive history of the Guild. In it Miss Nicolay has captured the spirit and color of twenty eventful years in an admirable manner.

Continuing her report, Mrs. Hansen expressed her appreciation for the accomplishments of the past year. The Chapel Project was completed. All memorial contributions, however, will continue to flow into the Chapel Fund. All receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952—with the exception of memorial contributions—are to be used by the University for physical rehabilitation of the campus and for the expansion of courses in the curriculum. The new edition of the By-laws will be ready for distribution this fall. The material for this edition was prepared by Mrs. A. O. Kampe, Chairman of the Revisions Committee. Mrs. Hansen urged all chapter members to read and become thoroughly familiar with the By-laws.



THE COMMITTEE on resolutions: Left to right, Mrs. Charles L. St. Clair, Rockford, Illinois; Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht, chairman, Valparaiso, Indiana; and Mrs. Dean Arnold, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

There has been a growing interest in parliamentary procedure during recent years.

Mrs. Walter Hoppe, Guild Parliamentarian, is ready to assist with any problems that may arise in the chapters and state units.

The president thanked Mrs. Hoppe for her assistance.

Mrs. Hansen again stressed the importance of the State Unit as a means of welding together the chapters within each unit and in an overall expansion program. The work of the Field Secretaries who assist the Executive Secretary in carrying on the Guild's expansion program was emphasized. Three new chapters were organized during the past year.

By virtue of a resolution adopted by the Lutheran University Association the President of the Guild automatically becomes a voting member of the Board of Directors of Valparaiso University. This action, Mrs. Hansen continued, is a compliment to the Guild and a recognition of the importance of the Guild to the University. Resolutions of appreciation for the work of the Guild were also adopted by the Board of Directors and by the Advisory Board of the Lutheran University Association.

Mrs. Hansen stated that attendance at the Board meetings had given her an insight into the complex pattern of university life and an understanding of the admirable way in which the many problems are met. Here, too, one learns to appreciate more keenly what President O. P. Kretzmann's outstanding leadership

and tireless devotion to duty have meant in the administration of the university.

Mrs. Hansen gratefully acknowledged the invaluable service rendered to the Guild by Miss Vivian Kossman, retiring Treasurer, and Mrs. Karl Kurth, retiring Second Vice-President. She thanked the Revisions Committee and Activities Committee for their fine service to the Guild. She expressed her gratitude to the Field Secretaries, State Unit presidents, Chapter chairmen, to the Administrative committee, and to Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, for their loyal support during her term of office. To everyone who had a part in the program of the Convention Mrs. Hansen expressed a sincere "thank you."

In her concluding remarks our President said that she deemed it a high honor to have been privileged to serve as National President of the Guild. "God has given success to our undertakings. We go forward with calm confidence. For we have the Divine promise, 'And the Lord shall guide thee continually'."

Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the annual report of the National Guild President contains much information of interest and inspiration to the membership at large,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the report of the President be printed in the next issue of the Guild Bulletin.

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. Roy C. Frank, chairman of the Nominat-



MEMBERS of the Guild checking in at registration desk in Guild Hall for the national convention.

ing Committee, presented the following slate:

For President:

Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, Mattoon, Illinois.

Mrs. Andrew Guler, Rockford, Illinois.

For First Vice-President:

Mrs. Wm. A. Drews, Buffalo, New York.

Mrs. E. J. Mohr, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

For Second Vice-President:

Mrs. Ralph A. Gersonde, St. Joseph, Mich.

Mrs. L. A. Oehmke, Detroit, Mich.

For Secretary:

Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, South Bend, Ind.

Mrs. S. Mullin, LaPorte, Ind.

For Treasurer:

Mrs. Helene Steinfeldt, LaPorte, Ind.

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations and accept the slate was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Hansen appointed the following tellers: Miss Lily Fedder, Chairman; Mrs. Forest Palmer, Mrs. Ted Hartman.

Miss Vivian Kossman, Treasurer, submitted a statement of Receipts and Disbursements:

Total balance on hand,

July 4, 1950\$ 1,559.84

Total receipts 40,220.29

Total cash\$41,780.13

Total disbursements\$40,497.78

Bank balance, July 8, 1951 ...\$ 1,282.35

Mrs. Dean Arnold moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, we have heard the good report of our National Treasurer, and,

WHEREAS, we realize that this success is due to the fine work of each local chapter and to each individual member of these chapters,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to extend our heartfelt thanks to all.

The resolution was adopted.

A letter of audit from Mr. G. E. Penson, accountant and auditor, was read by the secretary. Mr. Penson stated that the treasurer's books were in order, and all funds had been properly disbursed and allocated. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was seconded and carried.

Miss Kossman presented the proposed budget for 1951-52.

The following resolution presented by Mrs. Arnold was adopted:

WHEREAS, a budget on past expenditures and allowing for additional expenditures has been submitted,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budget for 1951-52 in the amount of \$4,962.50 be accepted.

The next order of business was the annual

report of the Executive Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink.

Mrs. Heidbrink directed her annual report to all those whose pride in the Guild's past and whose dreams for the future of the Guild brought them to the Convention on the Valparaiso University campus in September, 1951. She paid tribute to the six women who sent out that first letter of invitation to organize the women of the church for the purpose of fostering the work of Valparaiso University. It is difficult, she continued, for those who have come into the fold of the Guild after it had become well established to imagine Valparaiso University without the Guild.

Mrs. Heidbrink referred to the intelligent and loyal leadership of Mrs. Walter Hansen, who in accordance with the stipulation of the By-laws has completed her term of office. She also expressed her gratitude to Miss Vivian Kossman, who has served the Guild loyally and efficiently as treasurer, and to Mrs. Karl Kurth who faithfully served as second vice-president the past two years. Mrs. Heidbrink stressed the important part each individual member plays in the Guild's expansion program. She urged that the work to which the Guild is dedicated be brought to the attention of women everywhere. If we do not become weary in spreading the story of Valparaiso's accomplishments and possibilities, and if we can transmit to others our dreams and visions of the future, we will have a real part in handing to generations still unborn a heritage for which they will be eternally grateful.

Our Executive Secretary then presented the nine field secretaries who concentrate their efforts on the expansion work of the Guild.

Mrs. Fred Homann, Central Illinois.

Mrs. G. E. Penson, Northern Illinois.

Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, Indiana.

Mrs. C. E. Westermeier, Southern Indiana.

Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch, and

Mrs. C. J. Thrun, Michigan.

Mrs. Wm. A. Drews, New York.

Mrs. F. J. Schumm, Ohio.

Mrs. Paul Roehrs, Wisconsin.

Three new chapters were gained during the past year. Mrs. Homann organized a chapter in Decatur, Ill., on March 4. Mrs. Drews organized a chapter in Rochester, N. Y., on September 6, and Antigo, Wisconsin, was organized by Mrs. Paul Roehrs on September 20.

Mrs. Heidbrink recommended that these three chapters be admitted to the National Guild. It was moved, seconded and carried to admit Decatur, Ill., Rochester, N. Y., and Antigo, Wis., to the National Guild.

Mrs. Drews, Mrs. Homann and Mrs. Schumm completed their four years as field secretaries. Mrs. Heidbrink commended them for their

courage and perseverance which carried them beyond all depths of despair and defeat.

Mrs. Roy C. Frank, Washington, D.C., has been appointed to take over the field work in the eastern part of our country. A rally with representatives from many towns and cities in the East is being planned by the Washington, D. C., Chapter for the purpose of trying to organize more chapters in that area.

The State Unit presidents were presented:

Mrs. William Holtz, Illinois.
Mrs. Melva Turbin, Indiana.
Mrs. Fred Firschau, Michigan.
Mrs. E. S. Snyder, Ohio.
Mrs. W. Feuerpfel, Wisconsin.

The dates and places for the State Unit meetings are as follows:

Wisconsin in Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 9.
Michigan in Grand Rapids, Oct. 12.
Illinois-Missouri in Chicago, Oct. 27.
Ohio in Lancaster, Nov. 13.
Indiana in LaPorte, Nov. 17.

The Guild special arrived in time for all convention guests to see. The "Special" consists of two ping-pong tables and a number of pieces of furniture made by the Heywood-Wakefield Co. The Toledo Chapter has added a beautiful R.C.A. radio-phonograph and albums of fine records.

Mrs. Heidbrink extended her sincerest thanks

and appreciation to all the women in the Guild for their whole-hearted and cooperative efforts toward the University's welfare and their contributions to the progress of the University.

Mrs. Heidbrink concluded her remarks by urging the Guild to move forward valiantly in the year 1951-52—our hands in His—and the way can never grow too dark or the going be too rough if we have His strength and His strong, unfailing light by which to travel.

Mrs. Hansen thanked Mrs. Heidbrink for her excellent report.

A resolution addressed to Mrs. Heidbrink was presented by Mrs. St. Clair:

WHEREAS, our Executive Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, has again so capably, zealously and graciously assisted with the affairs of the Guild during the past year, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we extend to her our heartfelt thanks.

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. St. Clair offered for adoption the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Guild acknowledges the progress made under the capable leadership of its officers, Field Secretaries and Presidents of State Units; and,

WHEREAS, the following Field Secretaries must conclude their services under the terms of our By-laws at the close of this



NATIONAL OFFICERS, left to right, Miss Vivian Kossman, retiring treasurer; Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, secretary; Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, executive secretary; Mrs. W. A. Hansen, retiring president; Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, president; Mrs. Karl Kurth, retiring second vice-president; Mrs. William Steinfeldt, treasurer; Mrs. W. A. Drews, first vice-president; Mrs. Leonard Oehmke, second vice-president.

Convention, namely, Mrs. Wm. Drews, Mrs. Frank Schumm and Mrs. Fred Homann; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guild extend to all a hearty vote of thanks.

The resolution was adopted.

The ballots were distributed and votes were cast for the election of officers.

Mrs. Ruprecht offered the following resolutions for adoption:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Lutheran University Association on May 19, 1951, deemed it advisable to recognize a woman for membership on the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association; and WHEREAS, the members of the Lutheran University Association present at this meeting approved the recommendation of the Board of Directors and resolved that the president of the Valparaiso University Guild automatically become a member of said Board of Directors;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we extend to the directors of the Valparaiso University Association and the Lutheran University Association the sincere gratitude of the Guild for recognizing the Guild in this important area of the work of the University.

WHEREAS, the Lutheran University Association and the Board of Directors of the Valparaiso University Association have given their support to the Guild program and have underwritten the office of Executive Secretary again for the past year; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that our grateful thanks be extended to them.

WHEREAS, Atheistic Communism constitutes an ever increasing threat to the preservation of our Christian heritage, our American liberties, and the peace of the world; and

WHEREAS, We as representatives of the Valparaiso University Guild, are dedicated to the building of a University devoted to the keeping of our Christian heritage; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, individually and collectively, rededicate ourselves to the great task of preserving our American and Christian heritage; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we use every channel of information to warn especially our youth of the dangers of communism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we pray earnestly for the continued protection and guidance of Divine Providence over our country, our Church and our University, to the end that they remain true and faithful to the ideals for which we stand in these days of confusion and fear.

The resolutions were adopted.

Mrs. Albert C. Moeller, chairman of the Activities Committee, reported a very interesting year. New ideas and materials had been received and several had been placed on display. She urged chapter presidents to send her committee information on successful projects as well as a copy of Chapter Calendars.

Before Miss Nicolay, Guild Historian, formally presented the History of the Guild, a rising vote of thanks was extended to her by the Convention.

Miss Nicolay said that each year she came to the Convention to get a "lift" and that each year she returned home with new inspiration.

In presenting the Guild's history Miss Nicolay stated, "The History of the Guild and its glorious overtone would not have been possible had it not been for the loyal devotion of the 5,800 members of the Valparaiso University Guild to the cause of Christian higher education."

The historian expressed her appreciation to all who had encouraged her. She gratefully acknowledged the support given her by Anne L. Hansen and Helene Meinberg Steinfeldt.

In accepting the leather-bound book containing the original manuscript of the History of the Guild, Mrs. Hansen stated that she was proud to have been the one who was privileged to accept this excellent and comprehensive manuscript written by Miss Nicolay.

Mrs. Arnold moved the adoption of a resolution of thanks to Miss Nicolay:

WHEREAS, Miss Louise Nicolay, Historian of the Guild, has prepared a history of the Valparaiso University Guild, which is a valuable and comprehensive source of information, commemorating the twenty years of the Guild's existence,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend a sincere vote of thanks to her.

The resolution was adopted.

The Convention was recessed at 11:30 a.m., and the second session of the Convention was called to order by Mrs. Hansen at 1:30 p.m.

Miss Haruko Morishita, a native of Japan and a student at Valparaiso University, was introduced by Mrs. Hansen.

Miss Morishita painted a vivid word picture of life in Japan before and during World War II. She referred to the days of oppression, strict censorship and hunger as "the big bad days."

Miss Morishita was born in Tokyo. She attended a Methodist school and high school. One day while shopping, a woman who had heard Miss Morishita speak English, asked her if she would like to do Mission work. This was her introduction to the Lutheran Church in Japan.

Miss Morishita told of the very humble beginning of the Lutheran Church. Twenty young people were instructed and prepared as teach-

ers of the Sunday School. A small, unheated room served as the first Sunday School for approximately one hundred children. As the Sunday School grew in numbers, including young people and adults, the need for a church and youth center became very great. One day a gift of money from America enabled these Japanese Christians to build a church and purchase a youth building.

Last year Miss Morishita attended the University of Cincinnati. She had heard a great deal about Valparaiso University and was eager to enroll as a student. Today she is happy on the campus of Valparaiso University where a friendly and religious atmosphere prevails. It is her ambition to engage in welfare work among the youth of her native Japan.

Mrs. A. O. Kampe, chairman of the Revisions Committee, moved the adoption of the following amendments to the By-laws of the Valparaiso University Guild:

To amend ARTICLE X by adding:

Section 7: Special Committees may be authorized by the Guild, Executive Board or Administrative Committee. The assembly authorizing the special committee shall state the authority and responsibility of the committee, the number of members to serve and shall appoint or authorize the appointment of these members.

Section 8: Emergency committees may be authorized by the president, who shall appoint the members thereof. She shall advise the Administrative Committee promptly of this action.

To amend by adding—ARTICLE XVI—EMERGENCY ACTION (NEW).

In the event of some great emergency such as war, epidemic or disaster, the Administrative Committee shall have the authority to determine whether the annual convention shall or shall not be held; a two-thirds vote of the Administrative Committee shall decide, and the vote may be taken by mail. In the event the convention is not held the Administrative Committee shall have the authority to plan the procedure for conducting all convention business.

The amendments were adopted.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:

Greetings from the L.W.M.L. by their national president, Mrs. Sadie Fulk Roehrs.

An acknowledgement of the Guild's greetings to the L.W.M.L. Convention in New York in July.

Roll call revealed that sixty-five Chapters were represented; also six past presidents, six national officers, two chairmen of standing committees, six field secretaries, five state unit presidents, the parliamentarian and the historian.

Guild members who had joined the Guild in 1931 were asked to stand. A special welcome was extended to them by Mrs. Hansen.

Mr. Herbert W. Knopp of the Department of University Relations reported on the progress made during the past year. Mr. Knopp stated that 225,000 persons now receive the University



CONVENTION GUESTS checking in at registration desk at the Lembke Hotel.

Bulletin. Last year 22,500 persons contributed directly to the University. This figure does not include Guild, Alumni or congregational contributions.

Four field workers are concentrating on new contacts. More than 2,000 congregations do not participate in Valparaiso Sunday nor contribute toward the support of the University.

Mr. Knopp presented the Patron Plan to the Guild. A Guild member may through her own chapter become a Patron by filling out a card and paying ten dollar membership dues. The chapter will receive full credit. The University will furnish the Patron card upon request.

Mr. E. H. Ruprecht, in charge of student enrollment, stated that the national downward trend in student enrollment could be reversed at Valparaiso University if all would double their efforts to direct students to Valparaiso. He suggested that we begin with the freshmen in high school. Student rallies, campus parties, all stimulate interest. He urged that the names of students (beginning with the freshmen) be sent to him. Literature will then be sent out and personal contacts made.

Mrs. Walter Buescher, president of the Toledo Chapter, presented a beautiful R.C.A. radio-phonograph in blonde wood, together with albums of fine records, as a special gift from the Toledo Chapter. This radio-phonograph has been placed in the recreation room of Guild Hall.

Mrs. Karl Kurth then presented the Guild Special for 1950-51. The "Special" consists of two ping-pong tables and a number of pieces of furniture made by the Heywood-Wakefield Co. There are two four-piece sections, two corner tables, two 30" square tea tables and eight side chairs. These items have been placed in the recreation room of Guild Hall. In order to make the presentation realistic, Mrs. Kurth displayed miniature tables and chairs.

Dr. Kretzmann gratefully accepted the gifts on behalf of the girls in Guild Hall.

A letter of appreciation from the girls in Guild Hall was read to the convention.

Dr. Kretzmann then proceeded with his report on the University. He said that he would like to speak to us as mothers, sisters, grandmothers concerning rumors that are sometimes started regarding misconduct of students on the campus of Valparaiso University. Too often the University is severely criticized and condemned because of these rumors. Dr. Kretzmann declared that a family, a congregation or an institution ought not be judged by what has happened, but rather by what is done after it happens. "Ninety-nine percent of the students at Valparaiso are the very best," said Dr. Kretzmann. "One cannot judge an entire group by a small percent of error." Continuing his report Dr. Kretzmann asked the Guild to make a

special effort to increase the enrollment at the University. The present enrollment is 1,675. For the first time in several years there are more girls than boys in the Freshman class. Elementary education has been introduced and should be emphasized.

Dr. Kretzmann stated that \$16,000 had been contributed to the current fund of the University by the Guild this past year.

Dr. Kretzmann expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Hansen, our retiring president, for her devoted and intelligent leadership the past three years.

Looking into the future, Dr. Kretzmann said that he does not anticipate an enrollment problem until the year 1954-55. Unless our country becomes involved in a shooting war, the University will then again be facing tremendous overcrowd. Major decisions will have to be made soon to cope with this situation. "There is need for a boys' dormitory," continued Dr. Kretzmann, "and it is also time to begin to think about the erection of a chapel."

"The Guild has grown to maturity. The years that lie ahead are challenging years to build both internally and externally."

Mrs. Hansen thanked Dr. Kretzmann for his address.

Mrs. Ruprecht offered the following resolution for adoption:

WHEREAS, President O. P. Kretzmann has again contributed so much to the spiritual atmosphere of our Convention through his timely counsel by word and sentiment,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we express our sincere thanks and gratitude to him.

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. St. Clair moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the 1950 Convention resolved to adopt for its project the physical rehabilitation of the campus and the expansion of courses in the curriculum, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that our 1951-52 project funds continue to be made available for these purposes; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge our members to give their wholehearted support to this project. RESOLVED, that the Guild Special for 1951-52 be used to continue furnishing the Recreation Room in Guild Hall and that the Administrative Committee purchase what is needed.

The resolutions were adopted.

Miss Lily Fedder, chairman of tellers, announced the results of the election:

President—Mrs. E. T. J. Birner

First Vice-President—Mrs. Wm. A. Drews

Second Vice-President—Mrs. L. A. Oehmke

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Valparaiso University Guild has completed twenty years of service on behalf of Valparaiso University; and

WHEREAS, the Valparaiso University Guild has succeeded splendidly in surmounting many obstacles and difficulties; and,

WHEREAS, the role of the Valparaiso University Guild in the further development of Valparaiso University has become increasingly significant;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Senate of Valparaiso University, in regular meeting assembled, give expression to our gratitude, under God, for the devoted and effective contribution of the Valparaiso University Guild to the progress of Valparaiso University; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we convey to the Valparaiso University Guild our sincere felicitations and wish them every blessing upon their labors.

Secretary—Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew

Treasurer—Mrs. Helene Steinfeldt

Announcements pertaining to the Guild banquet and bus schedules were made by Mrs. Heidbrink.

Mrs. Arnold moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walter Hansen has graciously, untiringly and most capably fulfilled the duties of her office as President of the National Guild for the past three years;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend to her in deep appreciation of her faithful service, a rising vote of thanks.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Karl Kurth has requested the termination of her office as Second Vice-President after two years of faithful service; and

WHEREAS, Miss Vivian Kossman has most efficiently served the Guild as Treasurer for the past three years,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a heartfelt vote of thanks be extended to each of them.

The resolutions were adopted.

Mrs. Ruprecht offered the following resolution of thanks for adoption:

WHEREAS, our 20th Anniversary Convention has been a source of inspiration and

stimulation to all who attended; and, WHEREAS, much careful planning and effort was required;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that our sincerest thanks be extended to the following who have contributed to a large extent in making the 1951 Annual Convention of the Valparaiso University Guild such a great and blessed success:

The convention committees of the Valparaiso Chapter; the Gary Chapter; Dr. Bischel and the Chapel Choir; the Chairmen of the standing committees; the speakers, Dr. Walter Bauer, Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, Miss Morishita, Mr. Herbert Knopp, Mr. E. H. Ruprecht, the Reverend Theo. Andres, the Reverend Karl Henrich, the Rev. Richard Jesse, Mrs. Paul Prinz, Mrs. Frank Schumm, Mr. T. G. Eggers and others who helped in building the spirit of the Convention; and to all who, in any way, aided by their prayers, gifts and labors, added blessings to these days of busy meeting.

The resolution was adopted.

The twentieth annual convention was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

President O. P. Kretzmann offered the closing prayer. *Emma*

Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, Secretary

Memories . . .

*Delivered at Twentieth
Anniversary Banquet*

by MRS. HARRY A. EBERLINE

"We, the undersigned, are going to serve on the National Women's Committee of Valparaiso University, and plan to attend the meeting on April 13, 1931."

Signed:

Mrs. John Hemmeter, Detroit
Mrs. H. F. Rohrman, Chicago
Mrs. H. A. Dahlen, New York
Mrs. H. A. Eberline, Detroit
Mrs. W. A. Maier, St. Louis
Mrs. O. C. Kreinheder, Valparaiso

This, the first formal notice and invitation sent to the women of the Lutheran Church to attend the National Women's Committee Meeting, constituted the first step to organize a group of women in the interest of Valparaiso University, and became the nucleus for the Valparaiso University Guild of today.

Little did the signers of the above message dream that in less than two decades God would so abundantly bless this endeavor and undertaking in the cause of the church and our youth.

I like to call to memory the two-page bulletin issued weekly by the University at that time, with a modest section reserved for "Women's Committee Activities." In that section reserved for news also appeared a picture that spoke louder of courage and pioneering spirit than any writer could possibly describe — the familiar picture of the statue of "The Pioneer Mother" at Ponca City, Oklahoma. Her head held high, her lips set, she is looking forward and marching on. Under her arm is the Book of Books, the source of strength to bear and carry on. Her hand clasps that of her son — all indicative of her determination that no matter what the difficulties may be, the youth shall be reared in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Into the great Valparaiso enterprise of providing our sons and daughters with a school of higher Christian education entered the women and motherhood of our great church body, imbued with the same spirit and high purpose of service to our youth and University. Faith in God, faith in each other, and a determination that no matter what difficulties might arise, Valparaiso University **must** and **would** succeed.

I am happy to be here tonight among old and cherished friends, as well as among new-



MRS. HARRY A. EBERLINE, president of the Guild from 1936 to 1939.

comers, to extend greetings and best wishes in behalf of the founders of the Guild on its twentieth anniversary, and to tell you how grateful we are that you are carrying on in the same spirit of "The Pioneer Mother." We are grateful, also, to the men who so zealously worked with us and encouraged us in the dark days: the late Dr. O. C. Kreinheder, Dr. John Baur, Rev. Theo Andres, Rev. Karl Henrichs, Rev. G. Lobeck, and later our own Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, who untiringly gave of their time and valued counsel.

The function of the newly organized Women's Committee was, and I quote from the weekly published bulletin of the University of April 17, 1931: "The aim of the National Women's Committee is to enlist especially the cooperation of the women for the support of the work which our University is doing for our girls, and to look after the home life needs of our young people at the University."

The first, and apparently most necessary, objective to be considered was the rehabilitating of Altruria Hall, the women's dormitory, and later Lembke Hall, the men's dormitory.

Soliciting new students, organizing new chapters, occupied the feverish ambition of our women the first few years.

By this time we had outgrown our first title, "National Women's Committee," and were now

At a meeting of the Board of Directors and the National Advisory Board of the Lutheran University Association and the Valparaiso University Association on November 2-3, 1951, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution

WHEREAS, the University Guild has again assisted the University during the past year with their splendid financial contributions and particularly in light of the sacrifice to their building project in so doing,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Directors and the National Advisory Board recognize with deep gratitude the outstanding achievements of the University Guild; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that special recognition and the deepest appreciation of these Boards be given to the retiring president of the Guild, Mrs. Walter Hansen, for her untiring efforts in behalf of the University during her three years' leadership of the Guild; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the joint Boards offer their congratulations to Mrs. E. T. J. Birner upon her election to the presidency of the Guild, together with the prayer that the Heavenly Father grant her joy and success in her labors.

recognized as the "Women's Auxiliary of the Lutheran University Association"—today none other than our beloved Valparaiso University Guild, with a record of 74 chapters and a membership of 5,800 consecrated women representing 11 states and the District of Columbia. State chairmen were appointed to cover the states of Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan to organize chapters in every city where a number of women could be interested in the cause for Valparaiso. The subject of State Conventions appeared on the agenda of the Executive Committee's meeting as early as 1937, but due to insufficient chapters in each state, and our entry into World War II, no definite action was taken until the year of 1945.

Guild Hall, the women's dormitory, was the outstanding and challenging project for the Guild. Today, our girls are housed in a beautiful home comparable to any dormitory anywhere.

To the president of Valparaiso University, Dr. Kretzmann, for his leadership and spiritual guidance, to the past presidents and officers, and to our presiding president and officers who so valiantly took part in the growth and expansion of the Guild in its many endeavors; to the capable and untiring efforts of the executive secretary and our new Dean of Women, we express our sincere gratitude for the many

hours of love and labor that have made all things possible. And to the Guild members, chapter presidents and officers, and field secretaries, without whose loyal support nothing could have been accomplished, we humbly bow in thanksgiving, with the prayer that God may bless you. We gratefully acknowledge the action of the Lutheran University Association that provides for the seating of the Guild President on its Board of Directors, so that the work of both organizations can be properly coordinated.

In the majestic mountains of the Alps, the Alpine shepherds have a beautiful custom of ending the day by singing to one another an evening farewell. The crystal air carries the song a long distance. As dusk begins to fall, they gather their flocks and lead them down the steep mountain paths singing "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The word "hitherto" appears like a hand pointing in the direction of the past. Twenty years or more and "hitherto" hath the Lord helped us. As we enter the third decade of our organization, our outlook must continue to go forward. What has been done in the past I am sure is insignificant compared to what may be done in the future, providing we do not falter in our loyalty and effort.

May God continue to bless the Guild and Valparaiso University as bountifully as He has in the past.

Convention Highlights - -

by the Convention Reporter

"In Thy Light Shall We See Light." How true this motto of Valparaiso University has proven itself in the past quarter of a century. The countless blessings bestowed upon the University and upon the Valparaiso University Guild make it so evident that God is shining His light upon us and that we are seeing the wonders of His love.

The Valparaiso University Guild opened its Twentieth Annual Convention on Friday, September 28th, on the campus of Valparaiso University. To one who had never experienced the good fortune of attending a Guild convention the week-end was full of breathtaking moments.

The meeting of people you had only known by name, and seeing others you had not thought of seeing gave you a feeling of "old home week." It was a thrill to see the new Lutheran Laymen's League film "Venture of Faith," and to realize it was filmed on our own campus and about typical Valparaiso students. The members of the Chapter in Gary, Indiana were gracious hostesses at the social hour at Altruria Hall, where the lace covered tables decorated with candles, flowers, and silver put everyone in a festive mood. It was a secure feeling to sleep in a lovely room at Guild Hall and to realize "we built this lovely building with faith and hard work."

Saturday morning's brisk air and glowing sunshine made a perfect background for our convention day. The inspiring words by Dean Bauer at Matins, and the hush of prayer as the Chapel Choir sang, turned our hearts to God in thanksgiving for the bounties of the past twenty years. The business session will be an interesting page in Guild history. Mrs. Walter A. Hansen conducted the meeting in her gracious and efficient manner. Some of the highlights of the day were the presentation of Miss Louise Nicolay's printed account of the "History of the Valparaiso University Guild;" Miss Haruko Morishita and her interesting and hopeful talk on "Japan;" the announcement that the National Guild president has been made a voting member of the Board of Directors of Valparaiso University; the presentation of the Guild Special to Dr. O. P. Kretzmann; and the announcement that we have gained three new chapters. "So" Heidbrink, in her always encouraging way, asked that on this twentieth



MRS. PAUL (Mary Buehl) Prinz, an alumnae of Valparaiso University, and a member of the Akron, Ohio, chapter, served the convention as Reporter.

anniversary we rededicate ourselves to the task of helping to build the best University in the land, and that we "continue to build with the Guild."

The gymnasium was transformed into a "wonderland" in the splendor of candlelight as the banquet got under way. The tables beautifully decorated with Southern Smilax, flowers, and candles...gaily dressed ladies...and the murmur of happy conversation created an atmosphere which will always remain a treasured memory. Mrs. F. J. Schumm was a charming toastmistress. It was a pleasure to meet the "honored guests" and to hear them tell about the growth of the Guild. Two of the six founders of the original Guild, and six past presidents were present. Gifts were presented to the retiring officers, and a special gift was presented to "So" for her untiring efforts in behalf of the University and the Guild for the past ten years. The Chapel Choir with its rendition of "Prayer and Praise in Song" was a fitting note to send us on our way to candlelight vespers at Immanuel Church, where we heard Dr. O. P. Kretzmann's words of inspiration and we were touched with "holiness." With the installation of our new officers the Convention day was brought to a close.

Sunday morning a lovely breakfast was served at Altruria Hall with the members of the Valparaiso Chapter in charge. Already the time had come for the saying of goodbyes, and

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Report of the Executive Secretary

by MRS. C. R. HEIDBRINK

September 29, 1951

Madam President and Fellow Guilders:

This report is directed to all those whose pride in the Guild's past and whose dreams for the Guild for the future brought them to the convention on the Valparaiso University campus in September of 1951.

Our president, Mrs. W. A. Hansen, whose mature judgment and guidance for the past few years have contributed substantially to the success of the Guild, has told you about that first letter of invitation to organize the women of the Church for the purpose of fostering the work of Valparaiso University. When these six women sent out that letter, little did they realize that in twenty short years their dream would grow to such proportions of service and good work. We owe much to the women who heeded their call, giving twenty years of interest, work, and service toward helping to build this organization into one of the finest. The phenomenal growth of the Guild is now a matter of history, which has been so ably recorded by Miss Louise Nicolay and which you will have an opportunity to read within a very short time. Great companies of Guild members have come and gone throughout the years. The basic policies established at the Guild's inception and practiced throughout the life of the Guild have weathered the first twenty years of a vastly expanding organization and left a trail of outstanding contributions to the building of a great University.

This convention has brought together friends who have worked hard for the glory of the Guild but who may not have seen each other for many years. Others who have heard of each other for the same length of time but have never met, are happy to meet at last. It seems well and right to commemorate at this convention the early dreams, their accomplishments, and the new achievements greater than any one could possibly have imagined. On the other hand, the future years of the Guild, standing on the shoulders of the past, will also prove the wisdom of the founders and the measure of the Guild's greatness.

As we sit quietly in our living room in the evening and by a mere flip of a switch bring before us innumerable sound and television broadcast programs, it is difficult to realize that these things have not always been with us. And so those of us, who have come into the

fold of the Guild and have labored for its success in the years after this organization had already been firmly established, find it difficult to imagine Valparaiso University without the existence of a Guild to help in its program. But here we are, full of vim and vigor, and looking constantly forward to the untouched fields of service. We are interested now in what comes after these first twenty years. The Guild is dedicated to the task of doing everything in its power to exceed the results of the past twenty years, if possible, with the full knowledge that if we are successful we will not only serve the Giver of all good gifts, but also will make substantial contributions to the well-being of Valparaiso University.

The operations of the Guild may be divided into two broad categories — concentration on promoting the objects and ideals of the Guild and on acquiring funds for the program of the University — and the expansion of the Guild program into areas where the program of the Guild is not known.

The first category was fully covered in the excellent and intelligent report of our president, Mrs. Hansen. Three years ago the members of the Guild elected Mrs. Hansen to the highest honor that any Guild woman can achieve — that of president of the national Guild — and rightfully so. Mrs. Hansen has demonstrated the intelligence, poise, and common sense that the office demands. She accepted this office fully cognizant of the responsibilities, the opportunities, and the challenges that the leadership of this office involves, for she had served the Guild on the administrative committee as national secretary for three years. After three years of devoted service to the Guild as president, Anne Hansen is stepping aside. This is in accordance with the stipulations of our By-Laws. The things she said during these three years carried the weight of wisdom. No one has done more to blend graciousness with efficiency in things for the Guild than has Anne Hansen. We are indebted to her beyond the expression of words, and I know I speak for the entire Guild when I extend to her our warm and deep gratitude for giving the time, energy, and talent to this organization of which we are very proud. Like the distinguished group of presidents who have preceded her, she has sent the Guild ahead in its work. Through her competent guidance and the continued cooperation and loyalty of the members of the Guild, the Guild work has ad-

vanced and the Guild has moved forward. May our gracious Lord richly reward her.

Mrs. Karl Kurth and Miss Vivian Kossman have also brought their best to the Guild and have given hours of hard work and devotion in the responsible positions entrusted to them by the Guild. As they will both terminate their work as national officers at the conclusion of this convention, I should like to add to the well chosen words of our president my expression of gratitude to them for the intangible qualities of friendship and sincerity and complete dependability which they showed at all times and which made us happy to have them as members of the administrative committee. And I know that many members of the guild will express their gratitude personally to these officers for the contribution they made to the work of the Guild and for helping to carry out the aims and purposes of the founders of this organization.

The founders, twenty years ago, had aims and aspirations that made it possible for us to

have the privilege of celebrating this anniversary. With the same friendliness, cooperation, and love we can continue the high ideals for which the Guild stands. In this we can be a help and inspiration to the generations of Guild members in the future.

When we speak of generations of Guild members we mean that we must be doing something continually about acquiring new members for the Guild and organizing new chapters. The Guild can continue to grow in numbers if each individual member will take it upon herself to bring the message of the Guild's important work to all friends, acquaintances and relatives who are unfamiliar with the work to which we are dedicated. The interest of three or four women in any community, together with the cooperation of the pastor, is all that is needed for the nucleus of a new chapter. I would urge each and everyone of you, on this 20th anniversary of the Guild, to resolve that this convention shall give the impetus to active and prayerful mission work for the building of



SEATED, left to right, Mrs. G. E. Penson, Chicago, Ill., field secretary for Northern Illinois; Mrs. W. Feuerpfel, Milwaukee, Wis., president of Wisconsin State Unit; Mrs. Melva Turbin, Hammond, Ind., president of Indiana State Unit; Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, South Bend, Ind., secretary of the Guild and field secretary for Northern Indiana; Mrs. Karl Kurth, St. Louis, Mo., second vice-president of the Guild; Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, Mattoon, Ill., elected president at the convention; Mrs. B. H. Mahler, Westfield, N. J., president of New Jersey chapter; Miss Vivian Kossman, Chicago, Ill., treasurer; Mrs. Roy C. Frank, Washington, D. C., president of Washington, D. C. chapter and field secretary for the Eastern District.

STANDING, left to right, Mrs. W. A. Hansen, Fort Wayne, Ind., president; Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, executive secretary; Mrs. W. A. Drews, Buffalo, N. Y., field secretary for New York and elected first vice-president of the Guild; Mrs. Fred Firschau, Saginaw, Mich., president of Michigan State Unit; Mrs. Wm. Holtz, Elgin, Ill., president of Illinois-Missouri State Unit; Mrs. Carl Thrun, Detroit, Mich., field secretary for Michigan; Mrs. Paul Roehrs, Wausau, Wis., field secretary for Wisconsin; Mrs. E. S. Snyder, Cleveland, Ohio, president of Ohio State Unit; Mrs. F. J. Schumm, Toledo, field secretary for Ohio.

the Guild. There should be no geographical barriers.

All the work we are doing for the University and the Guild is for a cause. We believe in this cause. — The mission fields of our church are a cause, and we do not refuse to support them because the mission fields are far, far away from us. — Just so the work of the University and the Guild is supported by those who believe in the cause of higher education for our young people — and the geographic location should never be a factor in hesitating to carry the work of the Guild in willing hearts and hands. Therefore, if we do not become weary in spreading the story of Valpo's accomplishments and possibilities, and if we can transmit to others our dreams and visions of the future, when the entire Church will stand united behind the program of this school and will lend its efforts to build the finest University in the land, we will have a real part in handing to generations still unborn a heritage for which they will be eternally grateful. Shall we today dedicate ourselves to this task?

As you know, we have nine field secretaries in the field who are charged with the responsibility of doing concentrated work in the area of expansion for the Guild. The results of their labors during the past year gained for the Guild three new chapters. Mrs. Homann organized the chapter in Decatur, Ill., in the spring of this year, and the interest of these good people is evidenced by the fact that a number of them are with us today for the first time. They will begin their activities as a chapter this fall. I know that Decatur, Ill., will become an important and active addition to the Guild. — Mrs. Drews organized a chapter in Rochester, N. Y., on September 6 (just three weeks ago) in the home of Pastor and Mrs. Plehn. In spite of a pouring rain, fourteen women (representing five of the parishes in Rochester) attended the meeting and became charter members. I agree with Mrs. Drews that we shall expect great things from Rochester. Mrs. Roehrs has reported the organization of a chapter in Antigo, Wis., on Sept. 20. We have a representative of that chapter with us today.

Madam president, I recommend that these three chapters be admitted to the Guild.

So that you will know who our field secretaries are, I should like to present them to you:

Mrs. Fred Homann, Central Illinois
Mrs. G. E. Penson, Northern Illinois
Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, Indiana
Mrs. C. E. Westermeier, Southern Indiana
Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch and Mrs. C. J. Thrun, Michigan
Missouri is at present without the services of a field secretary.
Mrs. Wm. A. Drews, New York

Mrs. F. J. Schumm, Ohio
Mrs. Paul Roehrs, Wisconsin
Pennsylvania is at present without the services of a field secretary.

On March 6 of this year the Grand Rapids, Mich., chapter arranged for a Valparaiso Guild day at the meeting of the Federated Ladies Aid of that city. Your executive secretary accepted the invitation extended by Grand Rapids, and spoke on the work of the Guild, hoping to increase both interest and membership in the Guild.

In July of this year the pastors who represent Valparaiso University in their respective areas met on the campus for their annual meeting. Twenty-five of the pastors were accompanied by their wives. One evening I invited these women to dinner as guests of the Guild. At that time I explained the object and purpose of the Guild and invited them to consider the organization of chapters in the parishes they represented. It is hoped that these 25 contacts will eventually bring about some new chapters for the Guild.

Later today Mr. Knopp will have something to say about another avenue of expansion.

The work of organizing a chapter is slow and requires much patience and forbearance — but the thrill, and joy, and gratitude which fills the heart of a field secretary when she has finally brought a chapter into being, is something which no Guild member can realize until she has had a part in this important area of our work — which is the very life-blood of our growth and expansion. I beseech you to lend your aid and support to the work these courageous women have agreed to perform for the Guild.

Mrs. Drews, Mrs. Homann and Mrs. Schumm have served the Guild as field secretaries in their respective areas for the past four years and must now leave that office by reason of the terms of our By-Laws. The Guild may well be proud of the services of these women. In spite of difficulties they believed that in the end all things work together for good. Courage kept their heads up, and hope provided the wings that carried them beyond all depths of despair and defeat; and I am sure they linked their spirits with our Lord's so that they might have power from on High in their difficult assignments. The Guild extends its sincerest gratitude to you!

In the spring of this year the administrative committee appointed Mrs. Roy C. Frank of Washington, D. C., to take over the field work in the eastern part of our country. This is the first time we have a secretary working in that particular area, and we ask God's richest blessings upon this work. A large rally with representation from many towns and cities in the East is being planned for November by the

Washington, D. C., chapter, and your executive secretary will be present to help with the promotion program. If anyone here today has friends or relatives in the East who would be interested in attending this rally in Washington, D. C., will you please give their names and addresses to Mrs. Frank so that an invitation can be sent to them? I shall ask Mrs. Frank to stand for a moment.

The State Unit meetings will take place during the weeks following this convention, and I know their programs are planned and preparations have been made to entertain large numbers. I would ask the presidents of all chapters to urge their members to attend if at all possible, — especially those who missed the inspiration of a national convention. The dates and places for the State Unit meetings are as follows:

Wisconsin—in Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 9

Michigan—in Grand Rapids, Oct. 12.

Illinois-Missouri—in Chicago, Oct. 27

Ohio—in Lancaster, Nov. 13

Indiana—in LaPorte, Nov. 17

Because of the miles of travel necessary to attend the Ohio State Unit meetings, the chapters in Baltimore, Md., Washington, D. C., and New Jersey suggested to the administrative committee that they be permitted to withdraw from the Ohio State Unit and organize an Eastern Unit. Permission has been given to investigate the possibility of organizing this new Unit. A meeting of representatives of the Baltimore and Washington, D. C., chapters was held on June 14, 1951, in the home of Mrs. Carl

Lubbert in Baltimore, Maryland. As a result of this meeting the three chapters agreed to hold the rally in Washington, D. C., in November for the purpose of trying to organize more chapters in that area before the formal organization of an Eastern State Unit.

The Guild Special arrived in time for all convention guests to see the furniture placed in the recreation room in Guild Hall. The "Special" consists of two ping-pong tables, and a number of pieces of furniture made by the Heywood-Wakefield Co. There are two four-piece sections, two corner tables, two 30-inch square tea tables and eight side chairs. The solid, sturdy wood frames of Ashcraft will hold their graceful shapes permanently because they are formed by special steam-bending machinery by craftsmen whose skills have been a Heywood-Wakefield tradition since the earliest days of the company. This furniture also carries the Good Housekeeping seal of approval, which gives extra assurance. This is a fine beginning in furnishing this large room. Aside from the gratification in creating a pleasant atmosphere for those who will spend leisure and study hours in this room, we feel we have made a contribution to the enchantment of the University itself. And, to add still more beauty and comfort to the room, the girls will have the use of a beautiful R.C.A. radio-phonograph in blond wood, together with albums of fine records. This was made possible by the members of the Toledo chapter of the Guild. You will hear more about the Guild Special and the radio-phonograph later today.



BREAKFAST on Sunday morning was served in the Altruria dining room. Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, newly elected president, and Mrs. W. A. Hansen, retiring president, are presiding at the breakfast tables.

You will find in your registration envelopes some decals with the University seal and the name of the school. We hope you will use them on your cars, and if you do not have two cars that you will give one to a friend who will be glad to put it on the family car. This purchase of decals for the convention guests came from a suggestion of one of our Guild members, whose two sons and a daughter-in-law were graduates of Valparaiso University in June of this year. Her suggestion follows:

"What I think would be an inexpensive way and a most extensive way of advertising is this: Have several thousand Valparaiso automobile stickers made to hand out to Guild members to put on their cars. One sees Yale and Marquette on so many cars, why not Valparaiso? It would not cost too much and the college would be talked about if nothing else. I am sure that at least half of the Guild members would put them on their cars."

We acted upon this suggestion, investigated the price, and found we could buy a thousand for approximately \$50.00. We thank this member for her excellent suggestion, and we welcome additional constructive suggestions from our members at all times.

You will remember that it was resolved to keep the chapel fund open for any contributions which may continue to come into the Guild treasury for this purpose. May I suggest that you check with your pastor as to whether or not he has a supply of Guild Memorial Wreaths on hand? At the time of death many friends of the University wish to memorialize their loved ones by remembering the chapel fund,—and it is important that the Guild Memorial Wreaths are available at all times.

Autumn is the season of the year when Guild bursts into activity. There are crowded schedules, many new officers take over chapter duties, and again a new year in the Guild — this year of 1951-52 — is the beginning of a season of work and fellowship. — I hope that during this convention you will experience a wonderful feeling of unity among all the chapters. Working in our own local chapters we are a small cog in the huge wheel of the Guild. When at convention we hear and see what the entire Guild as a whole has been accomplishing, it is truly amazing.

As in previous years — it gives your executive secretary great pleasure to extend the sincerest thanks and appreciation to all women in the Guild for their whole-hearted and co-operative efforts toward the University's welfare and their contributions to the progress of the University.

As we move into another year of activity we would stretch our sight until the important

things of life take their rightful places in our living. With the high torch of faith we can face the future fearlessly. Let us work diligently, — for truly the night cometh when no man can work. Our confidence is in the knowledge that God's power will be given into our hands in direct ratio to our stewardship of time, abilities, and resources. We trust Him fully and completely, and we are staying our minds on the most powerful force in all the universe — the unfailing power of God.

One hot summer day an old woman, carrying a heavy bundle in her arms, was trudging along a country road. A kind-hearted farmer stopped his horse and offered her a seat in his farm-cart. She gratefully accepted his offer. He accordingly helped her up beside him. Noticing that she was still holding the bundle in her arms, he suggested that she should put it down on the floor of the cart. "Oh no, sir!" she replied, "you have quite enough to do to carry me in your old cart without carrying my burden." We may smile at the simplicity of the old woman. But too often we persist in carrying our burdens, forgetting that we have the privilege of casting our burden upon the Lord.

If we often feel that our strength and capabilities are inadequate for the work we have set ourselves to do for the Guild, if we falter weakly and consider ourselves unworthy of the faith God has in us, let us go to His Word for His proffered strength which He holds out to us freely and ungrudgingly. — In our seeking we will come across these important and consequential words, "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty." If we pause to consider them as we should, we can straighten and grow strong at once. We become fortified as with steel, for the power and the might of God begins working in us with its unfailing strength. — None need be weak with that inherent strength moving within. We need only to take hold of it. If we do so, we need not fail in any righteous endeavor, and none need fear failure. — It is reasonable to believe that He who left His unfinished work with His followers is concerned about that work, and He will help us accomplish each far-reaching and important task. It must be done, and it will be done, for He will see that it is done.

So let us move forward valiantly this year of 1951-52 — our hands in His — and the way can never grow too dark or the going too rough if we have His strength and His strong, unfailing light by which to travel. May our duties in the Guild be discharged by His help and support that all be done unto the honor of His holy name and the salvation of souls.

And so in the future, as in the past, may We Build with the Guild!

Report of the National President

by MRS. W. A. HANSEN

Madam Chairman — Dear Friends:

In this Convention the Valparaiso University Guild is observing the 20th anniversary of its founding. Some of you may have wondered how, when, and by whom the initial steps that led to the organization of a national women's auxiliary for Valparaiso University were taken.

I want to share with you the special letter of invitation that was sent out 20 years ago by six far-sighted Lutheran women. This letter was addressed to Lutheran women within the Synodical Conference. It reads:

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

Valparaiso, Indiana

April 2, 1931

Dear Friend:

"We, the undersigned, are going to serve on the National Women's Committee of Valparaiso University and plan to attend the meeting on April 13.

"It appears to us that this invitation to share in the work of Valparaiso to offer our youth the chance of a Christian training is the great privilege and opportunity offered the womanhood of our church.

"It is partly the call of the church to live, for if it does not train and hold its youth to carry on where age leaves off, the Church of Christ is doomed to die.

"It is more than the call of duty toward our church and Christ. It is the call of the heart to see that our young people are prepared to make something of life, to avoid its pitfalls, to achieve happiness.

"God has given to womanhood the larger understanding, the deeper sympathy toward youth. Is it not self-evident that we women want to share in the work of Valparaiso because it is **our** work, it concerns woman's most important sphere, the young people?

"We want to urge you to join us on the National Women's Committee and to attend the meeting on the 13th.

"Please, if you have not already done so, advise the University office that you are coming.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Mrs. John Hemmeter, Detroit
Mrs. H. F. Rohrman, Chicago
Mrs. H. A. Dahlen, New York
Mrs. H. A. Eberline, Detroit
Mrs. W. A. Maier, St. Louis
Mrs. O. C. Kreinheder, Valparaiso"

We are happy to have two of the signers with us today. They are to be presented to you this evening at our 20th Anniversary Banquet. Greetings from some of the signers who are absent are to be read at that time. Although Mrs. John Hemmeter was called to her eternal rest about six years ago, she lived to see the small organization that came into being on April 13, 1931, grow into the strong, closely knit body which we now know as the Valparaiso University Guild.

Our gratitude to the founders of the Guild is deep and sincere. Each of us, I am sure, feels impelled to carry on the work begun by them.

We salute the charter members of the National Women's Committee. It took courage and vision to enroll in a pioneering enterprise dedicated to the cause of Christian higher education.

During the first years of organization and development the Guild received invaluable assistance from the Rev. Theodore Andres and the Rev. Karl Henrichs. We are deeply indebted to these two men for their help and unselfish service. O. C. Kreinheder gave support and encouragement to the growing organization.

It is particularly fitting to announce at this 20th Anniversary Convention that Miss Louise Nicolay, Guild Historian and my predecessor as National President, has written a comprehensive history of the Guild. Later in the day Miss Nicolay will present her manuscript to the Convention. This evening, at the banquet, you will receive a printed copy as a special souvenir.

I have read the History Miss Nicolay has written. It is excellent. Miss Nicolay has captured the spirit and the color of 20 eventful years in an admirable manner. I have already congratulated her on this noteworthy achievement and have expressed to her the sincere gratitude of all the members of the Guild. I am sure that you will enjoy reading the History. I know that it will increase your understanding of the purpose for which the Guild was organized and that it will strengthen your determination to work with ever increasing zeal for the Guild and for Valparaiso University.

The year 1950-51 was in every way a most successful one for the Guild. Although total receipts did not reach the record mark achieved in the preceding year, we have every reason to



MRS. WALTER A. HANSEN, speaker at the banquet celebrating the 20th anniversary of the organization of the Fort Wayne, Ind., chapter, and **Mrs. W. J. Schnedler**, vice-president and program chairman of the chapter.

be proud of what we have accomplished. The books of the National Treasurer show a total contribution of \$41,780.13. Later in the day Miss Vivian Kossman will present a detailed report. The Chapel Project has been completed. All memorial contributions, however, will continue to flow into a special Chapel Fund, thereby not only keeping this account active but actually adding to it in a substantial fashion.

At this time I want to address an urgent plea to all Guild chapters. As you know, all receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952—with the exception of memorial contributions—are to be used by the University for the physical rehabilitation of the campus as it affects the comfort and well-being of the students and for the expansion of courses in the curriculum. I cannot overemphasize the fact that this project merits, and must have, our whole-hearted support. Every dollar made available to the University now for general upkeep may save five or ten dollars in costly repairs or replacements later on. It would be tragic to retard the progress of the University in any degree merely because funds are not available. We know what the Guild can do. Let us resolve anew to keep up our good and noble work.

The Administrative Committee has operated well within the budget adopted in the 1950 Convention. Since the printing of the National

By-Laws had to be postponed until this Convention has acted on three proposed amendments, the sum allotted last year for this purpose has been carried over into the 1951-52 budget.

The material for the new addition of the By-Laws was prepared by Mrs. A. O. Kampe, chairman of the Revisions Committee. The copy has been carefully examined by an authority on parliamentary procedure, by the Executive Secretary, and by your President. The new edition of the By-Laws will be ready this fall. A copy will be mailed to every member of the Guild.

I want to repeat the suggestion I made last year to the entire membership of the Guild: Please read the By-Laws carefully. **Know your Guild.**

In recent years many revisions have been made in the By-Laws. It is important to the chapter, to the state unit, and to the National Guild to have an alert, well-informed membership. A thorough knowledge of the By-Laws is invaluable to the chapter and to state unit officers. They, in turn, will be benefitted if the members under their jurisdiction are thoroughly familiar with the rules and regulations that govern Guild policies and Guild activities.

We are indebted to the Revisions Committee—Mrs. Kampe, Mrs. Louis Heinecke, and Mrs. W. W. Walker—for their fine service to the Guild. We are sincerely grateful to these loyal members of our organization.

Mrs. Walter N. Hoppe served as Guild Parliamentarian during the past year. Interest in parliamentary procedure has been growing in recent years. This was clear last February when Mrs. Franklin L. Quinn, well-known lecturer on parliamentary usage, addressed the dinner meeting of the Executive Board. It seems to me that this is a healthy sign; for, as the Guild grows in numbers and in importance, knowledge of parliamentary procedure becomes increasingly necessary and increasingly valuable. It is our good fortune to have a competent parliamentarian in our own membership. I know that Mrs. Hoppe is always ready to help you with any problems that may arise in your chapter or state unit. I am sure that every member of the Guild joins me in saying, "Thank you," to Mrs. Hoppe.

The Activities Committee continues to function with smooth efficiency. Mrs. A. C. Moeller, chairman, Mrs. Roy Peck, and Mrs. G. O. Johnson are ever on the alert for new and novel ideas, and they are eager to share with you the excellent material that has been gathered during the years. I want to urge chapter presidents and program chairmen not only to make full use of Mrs. Moeller's files but to send to her the programs that have been most

successful in their own communities. Mrs. Moeller's address appears regularly on the masthead of the Guild Bulletin. It has also been included in our Convention Program. We are grateful to Mrs. Moeller, Mrs. Peck, and Mrs. Johnson for their outstanding contributions to the Guild.

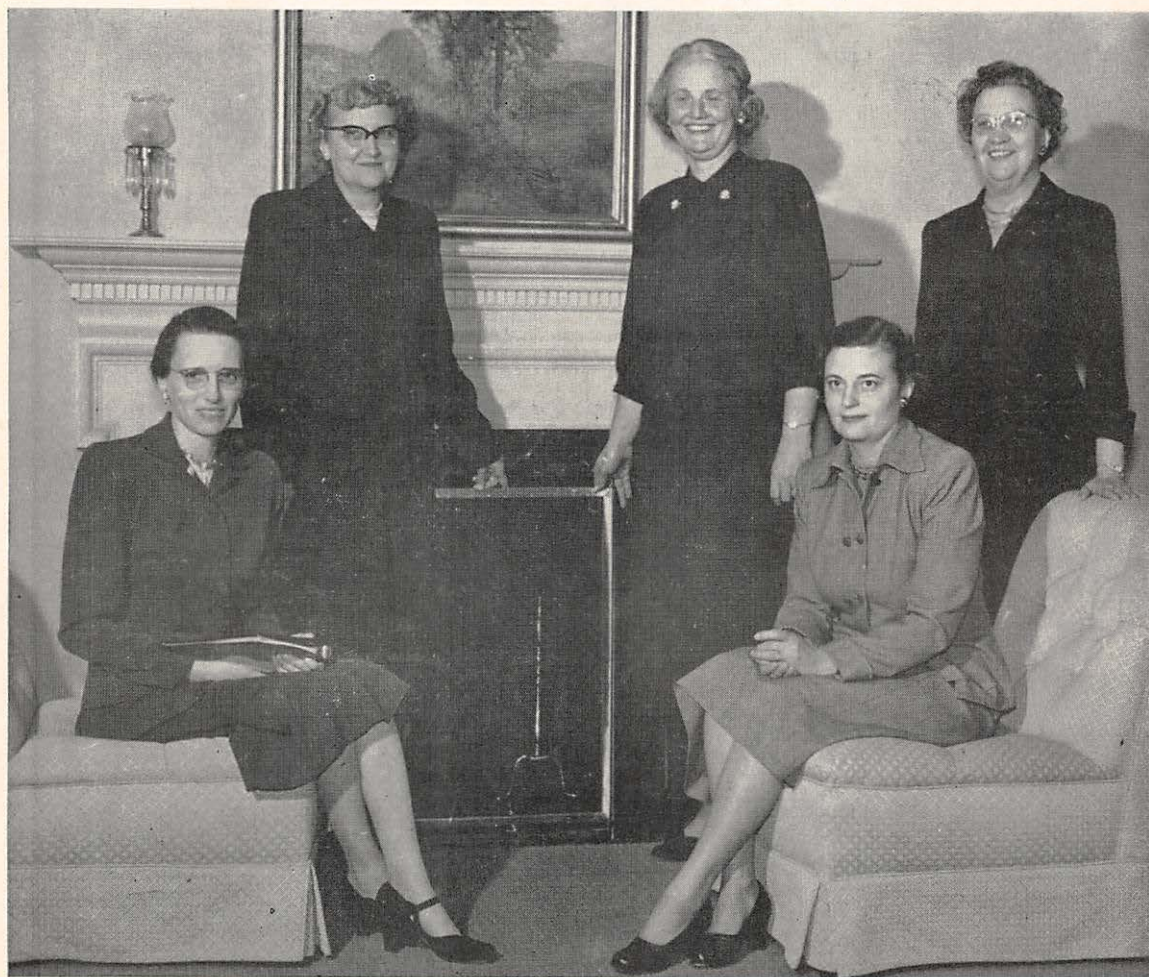
Two issues of the Guild Bulletin were published during the past year. It is a matter of real regret to us that so many copies of the Christmas Bulletin were lost in the mail. The Christmas Bulletin, as you know, regularly contains a comprehensive review of Convention activities, as well as many pictures which the editor, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, feels will be of interest to our entire membership. Credit for the excellence of the Guild Bulletin must go to Mrs. Heidbrink. This is just one of the many services for which we are indebted to her.

A special Convention Flash was mailed to

Guild members during the last week in August.

The Administrative Committee met six times in the course of the past year. In addition, your President made one special trip to Valparaiso to confer with the Executive Secretary.

Two successful meetings of the Executive Board were held on the campus of Valparaiso University. At both meetings attendance reached record proportions. A two-fold, all-important theme ran through the reports and the general discussion periods: contagious enthusiasm for the work of the Guild and heartfelt concern for the welfare of Valparaiso University. Two addresses of unusual appeal were heard in the February meeting. Dr. Marshall Jox spoke on The Freshman Program, and Dr. Oliver Graebner on The Purposes of the Senior Placement Service. Able leadership and a fine spirit of devotion were abundantly in evidence in the pre-Convention session of the Executive Board held yesterday afternoon.



OFFICERS of the Fort Wayne, Indiana, chapter meet to make plans for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of their chapter. Standing: left to right, Mrs. Carl Hoffman, treasurer; Mrs. Paul Congdon, secretary; Mrs. Henry F. Koeneman, historian. Seated: Mrs. Henry Moellering, Jr., president; Mrs. Paul Dickmeyer, social chairman.

Last fall Mrs. Heidbrink and I attended well-organized State Unit meetings in Clintonville, Wisconsin; Lapeer, Michigan; Rockford, Illinois; Akron, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Indiana. Again, as in previous years, we were impressed by the excellent programs that had been arranged for these meetings, by the competent manner in which the meetings were conducted, by the warm friendliness that marked the discussion periods, and by the generous hospitality extended to us everywhere. The State Unit Officers are performing a valuable service to the Guild and to the University. I want to assure them that we appreciate their efforts. We are indebted to the hard-working committees which have charge of the State Unit meetings.

I am conscious of the fact that I have spoken repeatedly of the importance of the State Unit and the annual State Unit meeting, but I sincerely believe that the State Unit is a vital cog in the Guild organization. We have only begun to make use of the State Unit as a means of welding together the chapters within each unit and in the overall expansion program. We must do more, much more. The State Unit must have our energetic support. Every chapter within a State Unit has a definite responsibility to the State Unit. No chapter dare adopt a take-it-or-leave-it attitude.

Attendance at the State Unit meetings during the past three years has given me an understanding of the Guild which I could not have gained in any other way. What I have seen and heard has instilled in me profound respect

and genuine admiration for the capabilities of the women of our Church.

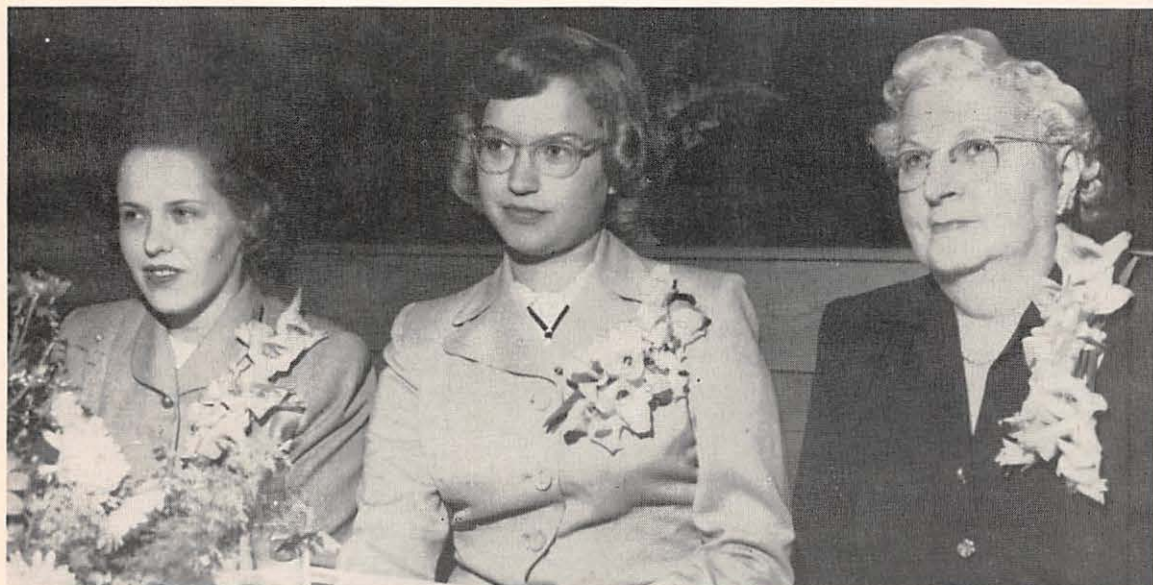
Women's organizations on a national scale are relatively new in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. It seems to me that such organizations represent one of the most significant developments of the past quarter century.

As we move into new and greatly expanded fields of endeavor, we must be ready to meet the challenge that goes with our new status. We must strive to keep our thinking on the highest possible plane. The projects undertaken by us must have as their sole purpose some phase of the expansion of Christ's Kingdom on earth. Our actions must ever be in conformity with a sound basic concept of devotion, loyalty, and service to God, to the nation, and to our fellowmen.

State Unit meetings will continue to be held during the 60-day period following the National Convention. A poll of the chapters has indicated that the members of the Guild prefer to hold these meetings in the fall.

This year State Unit meetings will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Chicago, Illinois; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Lancaster, Ohio, and LaPorte, Indiana.

I am happy to announce that a meeting to organize an Eastern Unit is to be held in Washington, D. C., in November. Initial steps for the organization of this unit were taken by Mrs. Roy Frank, of Washington. We are grateful to Mrs. Frank, and we appreciate the fine support given to the project by the Washington and Baltimore chapters.



THE SAGINAW, (Mich.) chapter entertained members and guests recently at a dinner with Miss Phyllis Buehner of Trivandrum, Travancore, South India, a student at Valparaiso University, as speaker. Left to right are Mrs. Elmer Simon (nee Mary Ellen Siegman), a Valpo alumnae; Miss Buehner, and Mrs. Edwin Nuechterlein, president of the Saginaw chapter.

Nine Field Secretaries assisted the Executive Secretary in carrying on the Guild's expansion program. We heard their reports in the Executive Board meeting yesterday.

Mrs. Heidbrink and I have given much thought to the work of the Field Secretaries. We have often fervently wished that we could evolve for them a sure-fire method of approach and a never-fail formula for success. We know that the Field Secretaries frequently find it difficult to gain a hearing in a congregation or in a community. Fortunately for us, our Field Secretaries do not give up easily. In some cases they have gone back to one community again and again. Sometimes they have unexpectedly succeeded at the very moment they were ready to concede defeat.

I believe that it is important to say again that each of us must accept a measure of responsibility for the expansion of the Guild. We are proud of the Guild and of the record it has made during the past 20 years. I am sure that we would regret any recession in our ranks. But that can happen, you know, if we fail to build wisely for the future. We must take steps now to ensure for the Guild a steady, healthy growth and continuing expansion. Each year there are natural and inevitable losses in our membership. If we are to grow, it is not enough merely to replace these losses. We must do more. Chapter presidents and State Unit officers can materially assist the Executive Secretary and the Field Secretaries by supplying them with leads in communities in which Guild chapters could be organized. We can best show our appreciation for the time and effort our Field Secretaries devote to expansion by giving them our wholehearted support.

Today three Field Secretaries complete the four terms of service permitted under our National By-Laws. Mrs. Fred Homann, Mrs. William Drews, and Mrs. Frank Schumm have been ardent advocates and enterprising saleswomen for Valparaiso University and for the Guild. It will be difficult to replace them. We acknowledge our indebtedness to them, and we assure them that their efforts in our behalf will long be remembered with gratitude.

Three new chapters are to be presented to the Convention today. We are happy to greet representatives from the Decatur, Illinois; the Rochester, New York, and the Antigo, Wisconsin, chapters and to welcome them into Guild membership.

In the course of the year your President attended four meetings of the Board of Directors of Valparaiso University. A resolution adopted by the Lutheran University Association on May 9 is of special interest to us. By virtue of this resolution the President of the



THE L.I.L. FILM, "Venture of Faith" was shown at the national convention of the Guild. Mrs. W. A. Hansen is congratulating Mr. T. G. Eggers, following the showing, on the important part he played in the production of the film.

Guild automatically becomes a member of the Board of Directors of Valparaiso University. It seems to me that this action may rightfully be accepted as a compliment to the Guild and as a recognition of the importance of the Guild to the University.

Resolutions expressing appreciation for the work of the Guild were adopted by the Board of Directors and by the Advisory Board of the Lutheran University Association. Naturally, we are grateful for, and touched by, these fine tributes to the Guild. We, in turn, want to assure the members of these boards that we shall make every effort to be worthy of this heartening recognition.

Attendance at the Board meetings has been a rewarding experience for your President. It has given me an insight into the complex pattern of university life as well as an understanding of the admirable way in which constantly recurring problems of the moment are met without doing violence to larger plans for the future. I believe that in these meetings one finds the clue to the success of Valparaiso University. Here one sees, in action, the loyalty, the vision, the determination, and the spirit of service to our youth and to our Church—qualities that have guided and supported the University through dark periods of seemingly hopeless struggle as well as through the brighter days of the immediate postwar period. Here, too, one learns to appreciate more keenly what President O. P. Kretzmann's outstanding leadership and tireless devotion to duty have meant

in the administration of the University. I am sure that every member of the Guild joins me in congratulating Dr. Kretzmann and the members of the boards on the splendid achievements of the past and in wishing them our Heavenly Father's abundant blessing for the future.

Acting on a resolution adopted by the 1950 Convention, Mrs. Heidbrink has supervised the purchase of furnishings for the Recreation room in Guild Hall. The 1950-51 Guild Special gift will be formally presented this afternoon. A fine radio-phonograph, a gift of the Toledo chapter, not only adds beauty to the Recreation room but will give many hours of entertainment and relaxation to the residents of Guild Hall. We are grateful to the Toledo chapter for this fine gift.

During the year I have had the pleasure of visiting and addressing three chapters: the Chicago chapter, the Maumee Valley chapter, and the Berrien County chapter.

Greetings and best wishes were sent by your President to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at the time of its convention in New York City on July 25 and 26, 1951.

The Administrative Committee acknowledges with a sincere sense of obligation the encouragement, the wise counsel, and the unfailing support it has at all times received from Dr. Kretzmann.

The Administrative Committee appreciates, too, the splendid cooperation it has had from the Executive Board, from the State Unit officers, from the Field Secretaries, from the standing committees, and from the membership at large.

This Convention brings to a close the terms of three national officers. I know that the entire membership joins me in expressing to Miss Vivian Kossman, retiring Treasurer, and to Mrs. Karl Kurth, retiring Second Vice-President, our warm thanks for all they have done in carrying on the work of the Guild. I want to address a special word of commendation to Miss Kossman for the exemplary manner in which she has discharged the duties of her important office.

It is hard for me to find words to express my personal gratitude to Dr. Kretzmann, to Mrs. Heidbrink, to Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, to Mrs. Kurth, to Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, and to Miss Kossman. I am immeasurably indebted to them for their loyal and cheerful support and cooperation, for many courtesies extended to me, and, above all, for the warm friendliness and the Christian spirit that marked all our meetings. We have worked together in the closest harmony. The welfare of the Guild was at all times uppermost in our thoughts, and we asked only to serve the Guild and the University to the best of our abilities. Our meetings invariably began with a plea for guidance — a



MRS. JOHN FEY, president of the Olean, N. Y., chapter, and her daughter, Joan, a student at Valparaiso University, at the main entrance to Guild Hall.

plea directed to the Everliving God; they were brought to a close with a prayer for God's blessing on our deliberations and decisions.

I am grateful, too, to the chapter officers and the State Unit officers, to the Field Secretaries and to all those who have served on special and regular committees during the past three years. And I am indebted to the entire membership of the Guild for loyal support and for many, many expressions of affection and confidence.

I deem it a high honor to have been privileged to serve as your National President. It has been a richly rewarding experience — rich, because it has enabled me to learn to know the sterling character of the women who make up the Guild membership; rewarding, because together we have written another chapter in the history of the Guild.

To Mrs. Heidbrink I can only say a heartfelt "Thank You." I am sure she knows that I shall always treasure the memory of our close association.

Each year we add to our indebtedness to the members of the Valparaiso chapter. The smooth functioning of the Annual Convention depends, in a large measure, on plans carefully made and competently executed by local committees. Mere words of appreciation are a wholly inadequate recompense for long hours spent in planning and working to provide for our comfort and entertainment. I am certain that the members of the Valparaiso chapter gain their real reward from the realization that each year they make a distinctive and noteworthy contribution to the Guild. Since we cannot pre-

sent to them a special award for distinguished service, we must be content with a deepfelt expression of sincere appreciation.

The Administrative Committee is grateful to the Gary chapter for the gracious hospitality extended to us last night and to Mr. T. G. Eggers for his kindness in making available to us the Lutheran Laymen's League film, "Venture of Faith." In addition, we wish to express our thanks to Dr. Kretzmann, to Dr. W. E. Bauer, to the Rev. Theodore Andres, to the Rev. Karl Henrichs, to the Rev. Richard Jesse, to Dr. M. Alfred Bichsel, to Mr. Herbert Knopp, to Mr. E. H. Ruprecht, to Miss Haruko Morishita, to Mrs. Paul Prinz, to Mrs. Frank Schumm, to the Resolutions Committee, to the chairmen of the standing committees, to the Nominating Committee, to the Election Tellers, to the Chapel Choir, and to everyone who has had a part in the program of this Convention.

Today the Guild looks back on 20 years of endeavor. During these years our gracious God has given success to our undertakings, and we have been privileged to see the fulfillment of many of our problems. The realization of other hopes and dreams lies in the future. We go forward with calm confidence. For we have the Divine promise, "And the Lord shall guide thee continually." These words from Holy

Writ, chosen as the theme for our Anniversary Convention, have been our strength and comfort in the past. They are a never failing source of hope and assurance for the years that lie ahead.

To All Members of The Executive Board

Mark February 22 and 23
on your calendar! The Executive Board will meet on
the campus on those dates.

Details will be sent to you
by mail.



THE SOCIAL HOUR on Friday evening in the commons room of Altruria Hall.

Memorial Wreaths

BALTIMORE

Mrs. Dobson	\$ 2.00
Mr. Grau	2.00

BELOIT

Mrs. G. Loeber	8.00
Elmer Sommers	1.50

BERRIEN COUNTY

Mrs. Minnie B. Jung	5.00
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CLEVELAND

Mrs. Mary Schambs	15.00
Carl W. Mader	16.00
Mildred E. Hoppe	25.00

CLINTONVILLE

Mr. Julius Krueger	5.00
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DETROIT

Mrs. Hannah Mantz	2.00
Mr. A. O. Kampe	3.50
Mr. Tom Buchheimer	2.50
Mr. Walter Kramer	13.00
Mr. Walter Maul	2.00
Mr. John Rewalt	3.00

EAU CLAIRE

Mrs. Anna Hehl	1.00
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ELGIN

Martin Niethammer	7.00
Mrs. Flossie Ebel	2.00
Mrs. John Dehmow, Sr.	2.00

GARY

Mr. Fred Scheub, Sr.	2.00
William Woldt	2.00
Theodore Jahnke	2.00

HAMMOND

Mrs. Ida Herbst	3.00
Mrs. Clara Mollenhauer	5.00
Mrs. Katherine Vieweg	15.00
John Schmueser	32.50
Carl Petersen	7.00

LANCASTER

Mrs. Philip Bauman	5.00
George Eisz	5.00

LORAIN COUNTY

Mrs. Anna Wildenheim	5.00
Mrs. Anna Block	5.00
Julius Krause	5.00
Mrs. Gertrude Hotow Hart	5.00

MERRILL

Mrs. Arthur Klemp	1.50
Mrs. Luedtke	1.00

MILWAUKEE

Mr. Henry J. Miller	5.00
Mrs. H. Behl	10.00
Louis Hecht	5.00

MISHAWAKA-SOUTH BEND

Mr. Sam. Heipel	5.00
Mr. Herman Stegman	5.00
Mrs. Ella Hans	14.00

MONROE

Mrs. Wm. Schmidt	7.00
The Rev. Edw. Kraus	8.00

OLEAN

The Rev. C. George Kaestner	5.00
Mrs. Lillian M. Clark	5.00

SAGINAW

Katherine Ranke	3.00
Augusta Finger	3.00
Mr. Ed. Asman	5.00

SHAWANO

Mr. Chas. Sell	2.00
Fred R. Krueger	1.00
Mrs. Mary Timm	1.00
Mrs. Wm. Lauersdorf	2.00

SOUTHEASTERN

Mr. John F. Wienhorst	3.00
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ST. LOUIS

Mr. Emlen Cooper	10.00
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SHEBOYGAN

Miss Laura Neumeister	3.00
Mrs. Veronica Schachtschneider	2.00

THE MESSAGE of Dr. W. C. Dickmeyer, president of the Board of Directors of Valparaiso University, to the University Guild assembled in convention:

My Dear Mrs. Hansen:

The following is my message to the Guild:

One of the heartening phases of the present world situation is the fact that there is a segment of noble womanhood that has not departed from the ideals that we have always attributed to woman. Add a Christian philosophy to noble womanhood and we have womanhood at its very best.

It is this type of womanhood that makes up the members of the Valparaiso University Guild.

Obviously, then, the Guild is a bright beacon of hope and assurance as the University marches toward its highest ideal.

As the University sends into the marts of trade, into the professions, into the scientific laboratories and into the homes and churches, young men and women, with a profound understanding of the value of a Christian philosophy and an unreserved submission to God, much of the credit must be accorded to the members of the Guild.

The Board of Directors of Valparaiso University acknowledges and respects and honors the women of the Guild and the great work they are doing on behalf of the thousands of our graduates.

Sincerely yours,
W. C. Dickmeyer

Convention Highlights

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the promises "see you next year." As we sat in church and heard the words of the Rev. R. A. Jesse, "God hath committed unto us the ministry of the word of reconciliation" and heard the glorious singing of the choirs we were grateful to be privileged to serve our Almighty God and we humbly asked that His continued Light guide us unto eternity.

And so with the last goodbyes and a backward glance we said farewell for another year—and, vowing to work with renewed zest, we left for home.

--Mary Buehl Prinz.



STEPPING HIGH for Valpo Guild: The Nickel-plate railroad, stopping at Valparaiso, takes convention guests from Cleveland, Ohio, and points east to their homes. "Good-bye 'til next year!"